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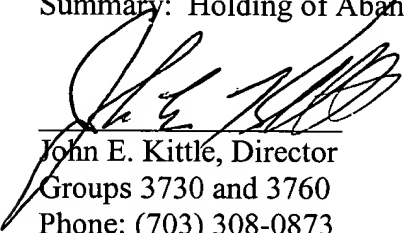
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| In re Application of | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Robert B. Citron et al | : | TO WITHDRAW |
| Serial No. : 09/851,356 | : | HOLDING OF |
| Filed : May 8, 2001 | : | ABANDONMENT |
| For : Surgical Trimming Tool | : | |

This is a decision on petitioner's request filed August 1, 2003, to review the holding of abandonment mailed July 23, 2003, for failure to pay the issue fee as required in the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed March 18, 2003. The basis for the request is that applicant did not receive the communication mailed March 18, 2003. There is no fee required for this petition.

In order to overcome the presumption of delivery of an Office action, a practitioner must submit the following: (1) a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office action was not received by practitioner; (2) a statement attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket record indicates that the Office action was not received; and (3) a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. See 1156 OG 53.

The request filed August 1, 2003 includes all the above elements. Further, an inspection of the file reveals that the Office action in question was returned undelivered. The request is therefore GRANTED. Upon the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Legal Instruments Examiner for the mailing of a new Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due with a copy of the Notice of Allowability that was mailed March 18, 2003.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.


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